

Former POW takes trip down Vietnam's memory lane

By GEORGE ESPER
AP Special Correspondent

September 16, 1966. 4 p.m. The sun is setting over the hills of Cong Hoa village. Commander John Robertson and his co-pilot, Hubert Buchanan, are on a bombing mission against a bridge near Hanoi.

Over the horizon, four North Vietnamese MiG-17 interceptors close in on them. "They're getting in beautiful firing position," Buchanan radios Robertson. "They're going to fire pretty soon."

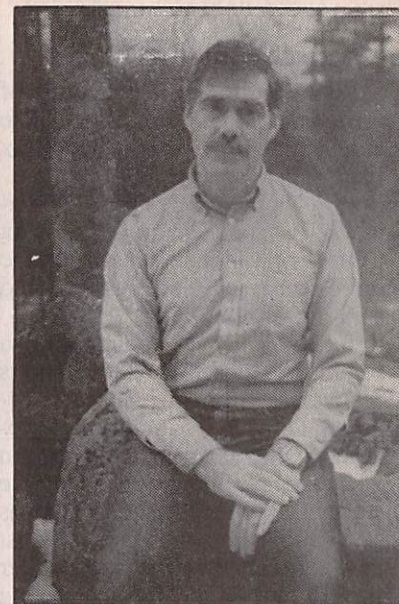
Shells explode over their canopy. The MiGs are only half an airplane away.

"He's even in a better position now," Buchanan radios. "The next time's going to be it."

With a burst of 37mm-cannon, the F4 bursts into flames. Buchanan bails out.

"I didn't really remember doing it myself," Buchanan recalls more than 25 years later. "It's sort of dreamlike. I can feel this force. I couldn't see what was going on. Maybe the G-forces took the blood from my eyes."

"It was an eerie thing. I could tell something was going on. I felt the parachute open. I felt the pop and then I could start seeing things. I could see Hanoi in a distance, floating in a parachute, fire on the ground."



AP Laserphoto

Hubert Buchanan, now a Delta Airlines pilot, sits outside his home in Amherst, Mass. last January. He had just returned from his Vietnam visit.

Deprivation and torture.

9 a.m. Breakfast: rice, cooked cabbage and pumpkin.

Noon. Lunch: None.

4 p.m. Dinner: rice, cooked cabbage and pumpkin.

"The main thing was to sit around and talk about food, think about food," Buchanan says. "We did a lot of that, especially when the weather was cool. You get hungry. You're always thinking about food."

Judge orders sex offender to serve in jail

By KAYLENE NELSEN
Herald Senior Reporter

PROVO — A man accused of three second-degree sex abuse charges will be spending six months in the county jail.

Roy Dickens, 52, 726 E. Tomahawk, Payson, was in 4th District Court Friday for sentencing on the three charges. He had just finished a 90-day evaluation at the prison.

Judge Lynn W. Davis, sitting in for Judge George E. Ballif who is recovering from knee surgery, ordered Dickens to enter the Fremont Center sex offender program when the jail time is completed. He suspended three prison sentences of one to 15 years. Dickens must have no contact with females under age 18, must pay for counseling for the victims and must pay fines and fees of \$2,343.

Defense attorney Cleve Hatch asked that Dickens be allowed to enter a local therapy program and serve his jail sentence with work and therapy release. Prosecutor Kay Bryson said Dickens had a longstanding problem and was in therapy for it when he reoffended.

In other sentencings Friday:

- Jason Ivie, 22, 97 W. 700 South, Payson, was ordered to begin a six-month jail sentence on Monday. The first three months will be served without work release.

Judge Boyd L. Park suspended a prison sentence of up to five years on the third-degree theft charge and placed Ivie on three years of probation. Ivie must pay fines and fees of \$925 and restitution of \$629.

- Charles James Johnson, 21, now living in Arizona, will spend seven of 30 days in the county jail during 1992 on a third-degree charge of issuing bad checks.

Judge Ray M. Harding suspended a prison sentence of up to five years and placed Johnson on probation for three years. Johnson must pay fines and fees of \$625 and restitution of \$6,121.49.

- Judge Lynn W. Davis ordered a sentencing hearing to be scheduled for Justin Bandle, 18, 247 E. 900 North, Spanish Fork, who robbed a Provo pizza restaurant at gunpoint.

Defense attorney Michael Petro argued against a 60-day evaluation at the prison. He said Bandle was already under psychiatric care for obsessive and compulsive behavior. He said the young man did not need the influence of the prison. Prosecutor Sherry Ragan said she too was concerned that he would learn things at the prison he didn't need to know.

- Kevin Berry, 21, South Ogden, was ordered to have a 60-day evaluation at the prison on a third-degree burglary. The evaluation will help the judge determine if there is a program, besides prison, that will help the man. He will return June 26.

- Richard K. Hanks, 63, will have 30 days in jail suspended on a third-degree theft by deception charge if he completes 240 hours of community service. Judge Cullen Y. Christensen suspended up to five years in prison and placed Hanks on probation for three years.

Hanks must pay fines and fees of \$1,250 and restitution of \$455.

- Stephen L. Atterton, 38, 1050

E. State, American Fork, must pay \$925 in fines and fees and \$2,278 in restitution on a third-degree bad check charge. Christensen suspended a prison sentence of up to five years and placed him on probation for three years.

Atterton must spend 30 days in jail within four months. He must have a mental health evaluation, have no checking account and must clear large purchases with his probation officer.

- Elton Lamar Mecham Jr., 31, 210 E. 1500 South No. 146, Provo, was ordered to begin 176 days in the county jail on May 11. He will have work and therapy release.

Christensen suspended one to 15 years in prison on two aggravated sexual abuse charges and placed Mecham on probation for three years. Mecham must pay fines and fees of \$1,850 which will be suspended for six months.

- James A. Damico, 74, 60 W. 300 South, Springville, was sentenced as a class-A on a third-degree charge of filing a fraudulent insurance claim.

Payson dentist charged with various felonies

SPANISH FORK (AP) — Five felony charges have been filed in 4th Circuit Court against a Payson dentist who last week accepted a permanent suspension of his license.

The Utah County attorney's office charged John W. Day, 35, with two counts of communications fraud, two counts of filing a false or fraudulent insurance claim and one count of racketeering.

One of the communications fraud and one of the false-claim charges brought Thursday are third-degree felonies, the others are second-degree felonies.

A criminal complaint alleges Day filed a false insurance claim for more than \$1,000 and one for under \$1,000, and that he made representations to conceal a scheme. The complaint also alleges Day participated in a pattern of unlawful activity.

In March, the Utah Division of Professional Licensing temporarily suspended Day's license for allegedly failing to properly clean

instruments and falling short of health standards in his office. State officials also claimed Day left a patient unattended during the administration of nitrous oxide.

A hearing was scheduled for April 22 to review Day's license, but Day's attorney told state officials just prior to the hearing that his client waived his right to a hearing and requested revocation.

State records indicate complaints about Day's sanitary shortcomings were first filed in June 1991.

In March, additional complaints were received. In one, a patient claimed there was dried blood on Day's instruments, that Day tied his shoes without washing his hands afterwards and that there was no sink available for rinsing out the patient's mouth.

Day's first court appearance is scheduled for May 18. If convicted, he could be sentenced to up to five years in prison on the third-degree counts and one to 15 years on the second-degree counts.

Court sentences 6 on drug charges

By KAYLENE NELSEN
Herald Senior Reporter

PROVO — Four of six people facing various drug charges were

- Oralynn A. Wilberg, 31, 460 S. 350 East, Santaquin, had 20 days in jail suspended if she

tion and follow any recommendations.

- Shaleen B. Maupin, 41,

Provo man wants to withdraw guilty plea

By KAYLENE NELSEN
Herald Senior Reporter

PROVO — A judge has taken under advisement a request from a Provo man to withdraw his guilty

Clark, failed to contact him prior to the trial to prepare a defense. McCamey further contends that he could smell alcohol on Clark's breath the day of the trial and on

certainly not the day McCamey's trial was scheduled. Prosecutor